

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, mature workers are the fastest growing component of the labor force, and possess a myriad of work expertise and job skills; and

WHEREAS, the aging population is healthier and living longer, and current economic projections predict critical shortages of experienced and capable workers in the next 8-10 years; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor has declared September 18-24 as National Employ Older Workers Week; and

WHEREAS, the AARP Foundation has announced a national campaign to link mature job seekers with key employers; and

WHEREAS, a statewide initiative has been established for mature job seekers and employers as a priority for the Arkansas Workforce Investment Board; and

WHEREAS, mature and retired persons are now seeking to reenter the job market to develop new skills, supplement retirement income and remain active in the workforce;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim September 18-24, 2005, as

**HIRE OLDER WORKERS WEEK**

in the State of Arkansas and acknowledge the unselfish contributions of our mature workers to support and continue their contribution to further develop and enhance the economy of communities across the State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2005.



*Mike Huckabee*

MIKE HUCKABEE, GOVERNOR

*Charlie Daniels*

CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE